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Title: Metallic Object with a Nucleic Acid Coating and Derivatives  
Thereof and Method for Producing Said Object

**Commissioner for Patents**

**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 3, 15-16, 17, and 18 for the corresponding paragraphs on file. Please insert the new section "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" on page 13, and add the attached "ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE" to the specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 22 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 23-44 to the specification.